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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON CIVIL LIBERTIES

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1. REF MSG DESCRIBES TRULY EXCITING PROJECT, ONE
HIGHLY PERTINENT TO RWANDAN AND US GOALS HERE.
AS YOU ARE AWARE, GOR RECENTLY GO-SPONSORED AFRICAN
COLLOQUIUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND WE ARE CURRENTLY
EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES FOR ASSISTING GOR IN PROJECT
TO UPGRADE STANDARDS AMONG JUDICIARY. OPPORTUNITY
FOR A LEADING RWANDAN TO OBSERVE HOW WE PRACTICE
WHAT WE PREACH WOULD SURELY GIVE US A CONSIDERABLE
BOOST HERE.

2. PROBLEM WE SEEM TO FACE WITH THIS AND NEARLY
EVERY OTHER INTERESTING PROJECT LATELY IS ENGLISH
LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT. RWANDANS WITH TRUE 3/3 IN
ENGLISH CAN BE COUNTED ON ONE HAND, ALTHOUGH MANY
HAVE A 1-PLUS OR 2-MINUS COMPETENCE. SIMILARLY,
REQUIREMENT THAT RWANDANS HAVE "FAMILIARITY" WITH
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US INSTITUTIONS DEFEATS US BEFORE WE GET OFF THE
GROUND -- HOW CAN THEY BEGIN TO HAVE THAT FAMILIARITY
UNLESS WE CAN GET THEM TO THE STATES?

3. IS THERE NO GIVE IN THIS AND SIMILAR PROMISING
PROJECTS (I HAVE IN MIND APSA PROJECT
DESCRIBED USICA 18215)? ISN'T THERE A PLACE AT THE

BACK OF THE BUS FOR POOR RWANDANS WHO SHARE MANY
OF OUR VALUES BUT LITTLE OF OUR CULTURE? WHO HAVE
PROBLEMS AND POSSIBILITIES VERY CLOSELY RELATED TO
OUR TOP OBJECTIVES IN AFRICA; AND WHO WOULD NOT ONLY
REAP BENEFIT FROM VISIT TO US BUT ARE DYING TO GET THERE?

4. I'D LOVE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO NOMINATE DIRECTOR
GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AT PRESIDENCY FOR THIS
PROJECT -- A VERY INTELLIGENT AND SOPHISTICATED GUY
WITH DEEP PERSONAL INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND ADMINISTRATION
OF JUSTICE. SNARING HIM WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT
BUT WORTH TRYING, IF ONLY WE COULD BE SURE
HIS LIMITED (2/2) ENGLISH WOULD USFFICE. CAN YOU GIVEN
MR ANY ENCOURAGEMENT?
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